



House Select Committee on Homeland Security **Democrats**

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TURNER PRAISES PASSAGE OF FIRST RESPONDER LEGISLATION **Calls Compromise Legislation A Bold Model for Post-9/11 Era**

Following passage of legislation to reform the first responder grant programs by the Select Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, Jim Turner, Ranking Member of the full committee said:

“The legislation before us today is a bold new model for distributing federal grant funds to first responders based on building essential capabilities across the country to meet the threats and vulnerabilities communities face from terrorism.”

“The bill departs from the ways of the past by abandoning arbitrary formulas and targeting funding where it is needed the most, while preparing communities across America to respond to terrorism.”

“It also provides funding to assist first responders gain an immediate capability to communicate with each other and requires the federal government to set standards for interoperable communications equipment in six months.”

The compromise legislation merges aspects of the PREPARE Act (H.R. 3158), endorsed by 147 Democrats, and the initial version of H.R. 3266, introduced by Chairman Cox.

“I am pleased that the Chairman included so many of the core concepts of the PREPARE Act in this bill and expect that the bill will receive strong support of the full Committee and the House of Representatives.”

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